THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House of the extent available.

Financial support to Health Insurance Scheme in Kerala

2926. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority had sanctioned any financial support to the Health Insurance Scheme initiated by Kerala during January, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total financial support granted and present status of the scheme as on today; and

(c) if not, the reasons in details for not providing subsidy for the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHIS), for BPL families is specifically designed for implementation through the Public Sector General Insurance Companies only. As the parameters of the scheme finalized by the Government of Kerala to be implemented through a private insurer are different from the UHIS, it is not possible for the Central Government to provide subsidy.

Review of performance of banks

2927. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive review of performance of the banks has been undertaken recently;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the beneficiaries under various rural development programmes including the Below Poverty Line families particularly minority comminity are being deprived of loan facilities in some States in the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial steps being taken by Government in this regard?